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SUBJECT: INAUGURAL MEETING OF NEA DATA BANK
COMMITTEE

1. THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE NEA DATA BANK WAS HELD ON MARCH 7, 1978.
BECAUSE THE LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA CONCERNED THE
EXCHANGE OF COMPUTER PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE DATA
BANK AND THE UNITED STATES, MISSION OFFICER ATTENDED
AS AN OBSERVER.

2. THE U.S. DREW ATTENTION TO AN IMBALANCE IN THE
EXCHANGE OF COMPUTER CODES WITHIN THE PRESENT
COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NEA
AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE NEA STEERING COMMITTEE.
SINCE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IS UP FOR RENEWAL
IN 1978, MEMBERS OF THE DATA BANK COMMITTEE WERE
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ASKED TO PRESENT A STATEMENT OF THEIR COUNTRY'S
POSITION IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION.

3. SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, JAPAN, SWEDEN, U.K. AND
FRG PROVIDED THEIR VIEWS. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT
THAT THE IMBALANCE WAS NOT GREAT (60-40 IN PERCENTAGE
TERMS) AND THAT EXISTING RESTRICTIONS WERE OF A

PROPRIETORY NATURE WHICH WERE JUSTIFIED AND COULD NOT EASILY BE CHANGED. THE DISCUSSION WAS BRIEF, LASTING LESS THAN 30 MINUTES, AND SUPERFICIAL. HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO PREPARE A PAPER DETAILING THE CRITERIA USED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR DISSEMINATION OF COMPUTER CODES TO THE DATA BANK. MISSION OFFICER SUGGESTED TO THE SECRETARIAT THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BE SPECIFIC, BROKEN DOWN AS TO REACTOR SYSTEMS (LWR, HTGR, LMFBR, ETC.) AND TOPICS (PHYSICS, SAFETY, DESIGN, FUEL PERFORMANCE, ETC.) AND THAT CODES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO DATE BE BROKEN DOWN IN A SIMILAR MANNER.

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